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# SELINGER'S DAHLIA GARDENS

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# Greetings to Our Friends and Patrons:

It is with pleasure that I am sending you my Price List for Your generous and kind support is thoroughly appreciated and inspires me to continued effort to make available for you only the best Dahlias at prices within reach of every one. Therefore, instead of getting out a fancy catalog, I have prepared this Price List to take its place, and have passed the saving on to every Dahlia lover who places an order with me by reducing my prices, thereby enabling many to enjoy the better Dahlias at prices that fit their pocketbooks.

I have greatly enjoyed reading the many letters I received this past season, telling me of the various successes obtained from stock purchased from me. This was very gratifying, and you can rest assured I will continue to give the best of quality, good service, and give the other fellow the kind of treatment I myself would like to receive. I would like to meet you all

personally, and again extend the invitation to those who have not seen our gardens, drop in and let's get acquainted.

Thanking you for the courteous patronage I have enjoyed, and hoping I can serve you again this coming season.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES SELINGER.

### A Kind Word

11:00 A. M., May 28, 1937.

More than pleased; and did they come through Yes. Keep me on your mailing list. fine?

Thanks again.

Yours as B-4,

FRANCIS A. MOORE, Michigan City, Ind.

Special Information

All orders, large or small, will be appreciated, and if you send in the names of five or more of your Dahlia friends with an order of \$2.00 or more, I will add a root or plant of 50c or more value free to your order. Have your friends write a card for our price list if you are not sending in an order, and names with it. Or if you do not wish to keep our price list and care to pass it on to some one interested, it will be appreciated.

State and Federal Inspected Roots and Plants

We ship roots and plants that have been inspected and all out of the state orders will be accompanied by a certificate of inspection.

We grow and ship them in  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  inch bands which hold twice as much dirt as a 3-inch pot, and it stands to reason

they are stronger and better.

**IMPORTANT** 

Notice on Green Plant Shipments. Plants will be shipped from May 1st to June 15th, but cannot be sent C. O. D., as this causes delay. When roots and plants are ordered together, roots will be held and shipped with the plants unless otherwise specified.

Order Early. By so doing you will be assured of getting all of the Dahlias wanted, as the demand for some varieties exceeds the supply.

Time of Shipment. Unless ordered otherwise roots will be shipped between April 15th and May 31st by Parcel Post.

Do not send cash by mail unless you have it registered.

Terms. Remittance may be made in the most convenient way when sent with order. Or if desired, 25 per cent when order is placed; balance to be paid at time set by you for shipment of stock.

Minimum Order. On all orders less than \$2.00, add 15 cents for postage. All orders \$2.00 and up delivered prepaid.

All Orders are acknowledged the day rear order. Write name and address plainly. received. Keep a copy of your order.

Substitution. We never substitute unless requested to do so.

Abbreviations Used. F. D.—Formal Decorative; I. D.—Informal Decorative; S. C.—Semi-Cactus; Str. C.—Straight Cactus.

**Prices.** Our prices are for good quality stock, carefully grown and handled, and are as low as is consistent with good service, liberal replacement policies, extras that please, and the supply of the variety.

If you desire your order sent Special Delivery, add 25c.

### HERE ARE REAL BARGAINS **Dahlia Collections**

COLLECTION NO. 1. Adirondak Sunset, California Idol, Murphy Masterpiece—three of the largest and best stars of the Dahlia world. (Plants). \$1.40.

Masterpiece—three of the largest and best state
(Plants). \$1.40.

COLLECTION NO. 2. Oakleigh Monarch, Lord of Autumn, Pride of Austenburg, Ballego's Surprise. The pride of the showroom, regardless of any others, at a price that fits your pocketbook. (Plants). \$2.00.

COLLECTION NO. 3. Forest Fire, Amelia Earhardt, Man-O-War, Miram Hopkins, Rockley Moon, Red Jug. Some of the better ones that still remain in the prize-winning columns. (Plants and Roots). \$3.25.

COLLECTION NO. 4. Thos. A. Edison, Ruby Taylor, Jersey Dainty, Mrs. George Le Boutlilier, Josephine G., Monmouth Queen, Cavalcade, Colonel Lewis, Jersey Melody, Treasure Island. Here is a real worth-while money-saving bargain. (Plants and Roots). \$3.50.

### **Mixed Varieties**

**Eight Good Unlabeled Dahlias** \$1.00 In digging and packing we lose the tags of some good varieties and we put them in the mixed ones, also put in some varieties we only have a small stock of to reduce our varieties. Try them. You may get one root of more value than you pay for the lot.

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Here It Is—My Special Offer
MY SPECIAL OFFER. One plant each of Fire Ball and Hunt's Velvet
Wonder, the two outstanding Dahlias, with the most consistent prize
winning performance, bar none. Sent postpaid for only \$1.50.

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### 1938 PRICE LIST

### World's Best Blue Ribbon Winners

Plants Roots ADIRONDACK SUNSET, I. D. (89), LL., 6 ft. Color, scarlet red with golden tips and reverse. Center of the flower is tipped golden orange. The favorite by popular vote at the New York Botanical Gardens in October, 1934. The petals are long and broad, forming a high center. One of the best growers we had in the garden. Don't pass it up... .50 \$ .65

ANDREA ERICSON (Fisher & Mason, 1931), I. D. Made good in all parts of this country as well as in foreign countries. PURE WHITE exhibition Dahlia. The huge flower is composed of broad oval petals with pointed and slightly twisted tips, which gives the flower a fluffy appearance. (H. R.)..

ARCTURUS, F. D. A star of the first magnitude. Received Certificate of Merit at Storrs, 1933. This variety produces high quality flowers. A scarlet red suffused deep yellow and with yellow reverse. The stems are uniformly good and of proper length. Arcturus is a strong grower and good keeper when cut

BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (Ballego 85C 86E), 1936, Bloom 9 x
5, Bush 5 ft. The most needed variety that has been imported for some time. Truly a white Frau O. Bracht but easier to grow. It keeps wonderfully well when cut and is easy to handle both as a commercial and an exhibition variety. Deep, full-centered blooms on strong erect stems with bush growth that is very desirable. This variety won many awards in Europe and will be a consistent winner in this country as it is already very popular popular

BETTY COLTER, I. D. (87), LL., 3 to 4 ft. A light salmon red throughout, shading to old rose at the base, of the long rolled petals, the blooms are of good size and form, and are held erect on the best of stems. An early, free and continuous bloomer.

.75

.35

BUCKEYE KING (Golden Rule, 1934), F. D. A very large,	Plants	Roots
clear growing amber yellow. Stems are long, always good with all flowers facing. On Mr. Hart's Roll of Honor	.40	.50
CAVALCADE, F. D. (90), LL. (Groll). A formal deco-		
rative of the Jersey Beauty type. Size of bloom, 7 to 9 inches; height of bush, 5 to 6 ft. The best stemmed		
variety ever grown in our gardens. Leathery foliage. The color is a beautiful shade of old rose or mulberry		
pink. Every flower comes perfect, facing you. A free bloomer		.60
CALIFORNIA IDOL, I. D. (88), LL., 5 ft. This giant yel-		
low has a coast to coast record as a winner. On Hart's Honor Roll. Certificate at Storrs. It did well in our		
garden. The petals curl back so that it looks like a		
giant chrysanthemum. A fine grower. With Lord of Autumn and America's Sweetheart it gives us three		
great yellows, but I can not make up my mind as to which I like best	.50	.80
CHAMPOEG (87), ML., 3 to 4 ft. The unusual coloring of Champoeg makes it an especially attractive flower.		
It is a waxy canary yellow at the center and shades		
into a salmon pink, which deepens in cool weather. Strong, sturdy stems hold the flowers well above the		•
rough, thick foliage	.50	
large flower of deep gold shading to a bronze center. Will give any of the large ones a run for their money		.40
CLARA CARDER (Kemp, 1936), (Dec.) One of the great-		.40
est pink decorative Dahlias we have ever grown. Its formation is on the border line between formal and in-		
formal decorative, and is in a color class by itself, it being a beautiful shade of clear Cyclamen pink, the only		
Dahlia we know of this color	.60	
colonel Lewis (Provins, 1935), I. D. Here we have a winner, in a deep rose pink, reverse same color. An early bloomer with the best of stems and foliage. Foliage of		
deep green and crinkly petals. Very attractive. Every		
plant a good grower in 1937	.50	.75
of the richest colors; a glowing bergundy red on a heavy deep flower. Winner at Chicago as best seedling		
of the year 1934. Also at Bryn Mawr, it won as the		.80
CROYDON (Brand-Kemp, 1932), I. D. One of the largest		.80
and best new pure whites for exhibition. 10 to 12- inch flowers. Strong stems hold flowers well above the		
foliage		.50
man's flower, and one of the most spectacular intro-		
duced in recent years. The flowers are of immense size, often 14 inches or over in diameter, and from five to		
seven inches deep. The color is a rich purplish red. Should be grown to four stems to make these strong		
enough to hold the flowers. (H. R.)  DOROTHY STONE (F. & M. 84E), Bloom 9 x 4, Bush 4 ft.	.50	.60
Suitable for the garden and show room, although not as spectacular as Kathleen Norris. It is a darker pink and		
a deeper flower. A good grower with stems long and		.35
DWIGHT MORROW (Dahliadel, 1931), I. D. A gigantic		
cardinal red Dahlia, much admired by visitors for its rich color. (H. R.)		.40
EDWARD T. RINDFLEISCH (Rindfleisch 82E), Bloom 9 x 5 Bush 4½ ft. A bright scarlet. The imposing appearance		
is due mainly to the large, broad petals of the bright flowers held well above the foliage on strong, straight		
stems. Free bloomer	.50	
FOREST FIRE, JR. Dahliadel 86S), M ID, 1937, Bloom $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$ , Bush 4 ft. In color it is indeed a miniature Forest		
Fire of very artistic form. It is amber yellow suffused and veined soft cardinal		.65
FIRE BALL (Bissel 85E), FD, 1937, Bloom 7 x $4\frac{1}{2}$ , Bush $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Won as the best Formal Decorative in the Seed-		
ling Class at Detroit and certified at East Lansing 85E. This dahlia will probably compete with Oakleigh Monarch		
for best red Formal Decorative in a number of shows. Color, cardinal red, of good form on erect stems. Foliage		
FORT MONMOUTH (Kemp 85E), Bloom 11 x 4, Bush, 61/2	1.25	
ft. The predominating color is rich claret with brightness unusual in darker tones. Flowers are full-centered and		
well-formed, borne on long, stiff stems high above the	.50	
foliage		
orange. One of the best of its color. A strong grower and great favorite. (H. R.)		.40

0.00	Plants	Roots
HILLCREST MANDARIN, I. D. (89), LL., 5 to 6 ft. A flashy big flower, brilliant Oriental scarlet and golden yellow. One of the brightest color combinations I have ever seen in a Dahlia. The plant is a thrifty grower and a free bloomer: Will produce many 12-inch blooms on three-foot stems.		.50
HUNT'S VELVET WONDER (Hunt-Burnett Bros. 84E), 1935, Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 5½ ft. This variety won the American Home Achievement medal in New York and won in Camden as the best Informal Decorative Seedling in 1934. The attractive broad petaled blooms are huge and have good, full centers and great depth. The flowers of deep rosy magenta blending into a true purple are well proportioned with large, dark foliage	.60	1.00
JANE COWL, I. D. (88), LL., 5 to 6 ft. Color, a warm buff and old gold, blending to apricot and rose at the center. Bush growth is ideal with strong stems holding the giant flowers upright	,	.15
JAYSEEDEE (Draude 85E), Bloom 4½ x 3½, Bush 4½. A beautiful ball-shaped dahlia of soft reddish violet striped and speckled rich red. Bush compact, but fine stems can be produced by disbudding. A winner on the exhibition table		.40
JERSEY'S MELODY (Waite, 1932), S. C. Tyran rose, shading to silver tips, with silver reverse. A very striking variety held on stiff stems. (H. R.)	•	.40
JERSEY'S DAINTY (Walte). Straight cactus. A lovely and very satisfactory Dahlia, white with a faint overtone of pink. At times some of the flowers were pure		
white. The growth is excellent, the stem is fine, and it is a profuse bloomer		.50
JOSEPHINE G., S. C. (88), ML., 4 ft.  Color, true rose pink, petals tipped pinard yellow. Unusual bloom formation attracts everyone. Its fluted petals, vivid coloring, proud upright blooms and splendid habits of growth make it a real addition to any col-		
lection		.35
kathleen Norris, I. D. (f. & M. 87). Bloom 10x5; bush, 5½ ft. This outstanding exhibition Dahlla is a true rose pink, deepening to mallow pink, with young central petals a lighter shade. Petals are broad and overlap each other. Blooms are held erect on long, strong stems. You will find this Dahlia is still a great		
prìze winner	,	,40
<b>KEMP'S BLACK KNIGHT</b> ( <b>Kemp, 1935</b> ), <b>I. D.</b> The nearest we can come to it is dark velvety maroon, almost black The flowers are of great size, often up to 14 inches in diameter, and are held high above the foliage on thick stiff stems		.75
LORD OF AUTUMN, I. D. (90), LL., 5 ft. We again take pleasure in calling your attention to this great yellow		
Dahlia. Its rich golden yellow flowers do not bleach or burn, even in the most intense sun heat. The flower, of immense size, can be grown to 13 inches and over in width by 7 to 9 inches in depth, and are held high		17
above the luxuriant foliage on stiff stems. Plant grows to five feet in height, wide spreading and many branched, each branch being crowned by a giant bloom. It is no uncommon thing to see two to five giant blooms on a plant at a time. Awarded more first prizes		
in the classes for the largest and most perfect bloom than any other Dahlia shown in the 1934 shows and again in 1935	.50	.75
MAN O' WAR, I. D. (87), LL., 5 ft. Was the outstanding dark rich carmine red of the season and one of the best keepers. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal in 1932 and on 1933 Honor Roll. A favorite of ours	.50	.60
MARY HELEN (Alling 85E), Bloom 4½ x 3½, Bush 5 ft.  A welcome addition in this type. Color, deep canary yellow. The plants are vigorous and produce quantities of well-formed blooms on good stems. Very desirable and a winner on the exhibition table.	.40	. )
MIRIAM HOPKINS (Cordes-Eastman 84E), 1936, Bloom 12 x 5, Bush 6 ft. A seedling of Amelia Earhart and quite similar in color although of a rather loose and shaggy	.10	.50
formation. A real giant in size. Color, soft salmon pink with carmine suffusion		1.00
the New York show. On Hart's Honor Roll	.40	.50

MISS ELSIE JANE (Dahliadel 85C 87E), 1934, Bloom 6 x 4,	Plants	Roots
Bush 5 ft. This variety is continuing to win on the exhibition table, especially in the basket and arrangement classes as it is just about the most artistically formed dahlia we have ever seen. In color, too, it is unique, being a shrimp pink with cream shadings at center and tipped violet rose, a fine and useful color combination		.50
MRS. GEORGE LE BOUTILLIER (Ruschmohr 85E), 1935, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 5 ft. As an exhibition dahlia this variety did considerable winning last season and has been shown 14½ inches in diameter. It has given Murphy's Masterpiece plenty of competition as it is quite similar in form and also a red, but this one is described as a car-		.,,
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE, I. D. (87), LL., 4 to 5 ft. Immense dark red that takes its place as one of the outstanding exhibition varieties of all time. It was more in evidence than any other variety at the fall shows last year. There seems to be no limit to the size that this great Dahlia can be grown. Stem and growth	.50	.75
marvelous Dahlia is a glowing combination of saffron yellow and gold with tints of salmon. A wonderful plant and thrifty grower, producing giant blooms freely on	.60	.85
MONMOUTH CHAMPION (Kemp 85E), Bloom 11 x 4, Bush 5½ ft. Popularity seems to stay with this variety. A vigorous grower, producing beautiful exhibition blooms of brilliant scarlet orange. Perfect stems and insect-	.40	
resistant foliage. Still a consistent prize winner	.40	
primrose to cream yellow. A mighty fine variety		.60
and healthy and stems erect	.40	.50
very vigorous and rugged. Color is crimson carmine, which does not fade. Certified at East Lansing	.75	1.00
width are held erect facing sideways  ON PARADE (Hy. Show). It is about the largest show dahlia we know of. Color a bright, clear lavender,		.40
ORIENTAL GLORY, I. D. (85), LL., 5 ft. One of Indiana's finest introductions. A brilliant deep orange of irresistible beauty. Fine plants, insect resisting. Winner at World's Fair, Achievement Medal at Indiana show	.50	.75
PALO ALTO, S. C. (90), LL., 5 to 7 ft. Salmon in two tones—bright pinkish salmon throughout the flower but shading quite perceptibly to a sort of salmon gold at the center. Ten to 12 inches across by 6 inches deep; moderate Semi-Cactus, formation perfect, with centers always closed and all alike; stem stalks very tall,	.50	.65
PAUL PFITZER (Berger). Bloom 8x4 inches, bush 4 feet. A German novelty that won a name for itself in the New York show. It is a pleasing combination of primrose and shell pink that blends wonderfully well with		.65
PRIDE OF AUSTINBURG (Strassen, 1936,) I. D. A giant informal decorative. Color, a grenadine pink suffused light yellow. Center and reverse rich rose. Strong, open plant growth, with long cane-like stems, requiring a min-	.40	.50
imum of disbudding. A profuse bloomer with flowers averaging more than ten inches throughout the season  PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, I. D. (Andrews). A	.50	.75
massive flower of striking color and growth. Bright carmine red with yellow reverse. Very popular	.50	.75
plant, 3 to 4 feet; a very early and continuous bloomer. Winner at Cleveland as best keeper. A remarkable cut flower variety. On Honor Roll	.50	.75

	Plants	Roots
<b>RED JUG</b> ( <b>Preas-Ruschmohr</b> , <b>1935</b> ), <b>I. C. or S. C.</b> This remarkable brilliant crimson or cardinal red Dahlia with yellow tips has wonderful keeping qualities and canestiff stems that hold the flowers perfectly facing. Foliage is insect resistant.	) -	
is insect-resistant. Won many prizes. Certified a	75	1.00
<b>ROCKLEY MOON</b> (Ruschmohr), F. D. Another impressive formal decorative which made the round of the shows this past season with startling success, and an outstanding variety at Storrs, where it received a Certificate of Merit. A large flower of exceedingly bright		
RUBY TAYLOR, I. D. (88), LL., 5 to 6 ft. A prize winner from the Pacific coast which has met with instant approval wherever grown. The color is carmine and the	50	.65
large deep blooms are supported by perfect, long, stiff		50
SATAN, S. C. (93), LL., 6 ft. Here is one that should be in every garden. Color, a flaming red with a slight touch of gold at the center. The exquisite coloring is at once fascinating, but what formation and stems. The blooms regularly measure from 10 to 12 inches in diameter and 6 inches in depth, and the long horn-like petals so perfectly rolled and incurved give rare form and character to a flower of unusual brilliancy. The		.50
rugged almost leafless stems give the impression of being nearly as thick at the top as at the base		.50
SHAHRAZADE (Newsome, 1932), I. D. Another remarkable shade of bright pink similar to but deeper than the old "Delice." The form and size resemble Jane		
Cowl and the bushes are also vigorous. (H. R.)		.40
SPOTLIGHT, I. D. (Hulin). A large sulphur yellow, with excellent habits of growth. Early and free bloomer  SULTAN OF HILLCREST (Scott 83E), Bloom 11 x 6, Bush		.50
3 ft. The unique form with the petals recurving to the stem attracts one's attention. Huge blooms of lemor	1	
yellow with reverse of rosy pink on strong stems, giving an unusual color effect. A dahlia for the largest bloom	1	
THOMAS A. EDISON, F. D. (86), LL., 4 ft. A gorgeous	50	.75
royal purple Dahlia with the sheen of velvet. Named in honor of the electrical wizard with his permission. The flower is of staghorn formation which adds greatly to its beauty, free flowering with perfect stems. Dark green insect-resisting foliage. Should be in every		
garden	40	.50
TREASURE ISLAND (Dahliadel), Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 5 ft One of our brightest autumn shade dahlias. Color bright apricot with gold and rose suffusion, and shadings It has been a wonderful success especially in a dry seasor		.35
WENOKA, F. D. (90), LL., 5 ft. This variety was a sensation in the trial gardens at East Lansing and is one	-	.5,
of the greatest Dahlias I've ever seen. It is also one of my favorite colors, an improved Orinda, same exceptional stems carrying the great blooms way above		
the foliage. On two 1934 Honor Rolls	.50	.75
standing Dahlias at the A. D. S. show in 1930. Ar unusual shade of old rose, very large exhibition flowers	1	
produced on very strong, straight stems	-	.40
MINIATURE DAHLIAS		
BABY ROYAL, S. C. A new Gold Medal miniature from England and one of the most outstanding prize winners so far introduced in this class, always winning the blue ribbon wherever exhibited. It is a beautiful little flower of salmon-pink and apricot with gold shading Stems are long and wiry and blooms are of most grace-	5 9 9	
ful formation, as florets are rolled and incurved	1 5	.35
FAIRY (Bond, 1934). This dainty little Dahlia is best described as a miniature Jersey's Beauty, it having the	9	.40
same lovely shade of pink with a slight suffusion of mauve towards the tips of the petals.  ORCHID LADY, F. D. (Groll). Bush, 4½ ft. It is very well named; the color is amaranth pink to mallow pink	/	.35
Has fine stiff stems. Healthy strong plant, and a profuse bloomer. It has two A.D.S. Certificates	1	.35

Plants	Roots
LITTLE NEMO (Chase). A red tipped white that was a winner at the Midwest show	.45
TEDDY JOHNSON (84S), M. B., Bloom 3½ x 1½, Bush 3 ft. White suffused and tipped Tyrian rose. On good stems. Blooms uniform	.30
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CHICKEY. A small cherry red flower	25
GOLDEN QUEEN. Deep golden yellow; a little large but long stemmed and makes it the finest for basket work or bouquets	20
JOE FETTE. Perfect pure white; stems good; free bloomer	25
MARY MUNN. A fine pure lavender	25
MINNIE MOUSE. Rich burgundy red with white tips	25
TOM THUMB. Small bright red	25
Description Description	
Six Pom Pom Roots, your pick	\$1.00
Ten Pom Pom Roots, your pick	1.50

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